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C O N F I D E N T I A L KABUL 1716

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SUBJ: VIEW FROM ABUL ON DAOUD'S VISIT TO BANGLADESH

REF: KABUL 1632; NEW DELHI 3600

1. KABUL PRESS HAS CARRIED FULL COVERAGE OF PRESIDENT DAOUD'S MARCH 14-16 VISIT AND PRINTED IN FULL TEXT OF HIS SPEECH AT BANGLADESH PRESIDENT'S DINNER MARCH 14, SHEIKH MUJIB'S SPEECH ON SAME OCCASION, AND JOINT COMMUNIQUE. WHAT INTERESTS US ESPECIALLY IS MUTED QUALITY OF DAOUD'S STATEMENTS REGARDING PAKISTAN AND U.S. DECISION TO LIFT ITS ARMS EMBARGO ON THE SUB-CONTINENT.

2. DAOUD QUOTED IN HIS BANQUET SPEECH HAVING SAID ONLY THAT "IT IS REGRETTABLE TO SEE THAT IN SPITE OF OUR GOOD INTENTIONS THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN DOES NOT SHARE THESE
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PEACE EFFORTS" AND THAT "OUR PEOPLE CANNOT REMAIN INDIFFERENT TO PAKISTAN'S CRUEL TREATMENT OF OUR PUSHTUN AND BALUCHI BRETHREN". ADDRESSING LIFTING THE U.S. ARMS EMBARGO, DAOUD QUOTED SAYING THAT THIS "HAS CAUSED GRAVE CONCERN TO AFGHANISTAN AND SOME OF THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION".

3. NEW ELEMENT WHICH WE TAKE TO HAVE BEEN AT INITIATIVE OF BANGLADESH, WAS ENDORSEMENT IN COMMUNIQUE OF SUPPORT FOR "PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES CONTAINED IN THE DECLARATION AND PROGRAMS OF ACTION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER ADOPTED BY THE SIXTH SPECIAL SUMMIT SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY". SUPPORT ALSO GIVEN TO "THE DECLARATION OF THE INDIAN OCEAN AS A ZONE OF PEACE", AS IN THE DELHI COMMUNIQUE.

4. WILL APPRECIATE EMBASSY Dacca COMMENTS ON SUBSTANCE AND FORMAT OF DAOUD VISIT.
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